

United States Courts
Southern District of Texas
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Appendix A
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
Galveston DIVISION

Norberto Atencio

versus

Port America

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CIVIL ACTION NO. _____

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT

1. This action is brought under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for employment discrimination. Jurisdiction is conferred by Title 42 United States Code, Section § 2000e-5.

2. The Plaintiff is:

Norberto Atencio

Address:

2420 Winnie st
Galveston, Texas 77550

County of Residence:

3. The defendant is:

Port America

Address:

3028 Wharf Rd
Galveston, TX 77550

☐ Check here if there are additional defendants. List them on a separate sheet of paper with their complete addresses.

4. The plaintiff has attached to this complaint a copy of the charges filed on NO with the Equal Opportunity Commission.

5. On the date of May 18, 2019 the plaintiff received a Notice of Right to Sue letter issued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; a copy is attached.

6. Because of the plaintiff's:

- (a) ☐ race
- (b) ☐ color
- (c) ☐ sex
- (d) ☐ religion
- (e) ☒ national origin,

the defendant has:

- (a) ☒ failed to employ the plaintiff
- (b) ☒ terminated the plaintiff's employment
- (c) ☒ failed to promote the plaintiff

(d) ☒ other: Discrimination under ADA
Acts, title III
title VII

7. When and how the defendant has discriminated against the plaintiff:

I had accident work. to Port America.
10.15.18. They have Paid me the Worker
compensation. And send to the local 20
letter to they no give me more Job to until can work 100%.

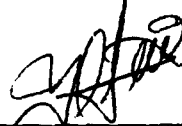
8. The plaintiff requests that the defendant be ordered:

- (a) ☒ to stop discriminating against the plaintiff
- (b) ☒ to employ the plaintiff
- (c) ☒ to re-employ the plaintiff
- (d) ☒ to promote the plaintiff

(e) ☒ to under ADA cts.

intentional discrimination, cont. Pay. for
Worker Compensation accident. 10/5/2018.
Damage and Dismissal from work and that;

(f) ☒ the Court grant other relief, including injunctions, damages, costs and attorney's fees.



(Signature of Plaintiff)

Address: 2420 Winnie
St. Galveston, TX 77550
Telephone: 832-818-5110

Appendix B

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
_____ DIVISION

Norberto Alencar

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CIVIL ACTION NO. _____

ORIGINAL COMPLAINT

I normally do work for Port America through the ILA Local union 20. Galveston, Texas. The day 10.15.2018 time 16.50 I have accident we was work in the boat at Pier 10. of Galveston Port. Then I talk to the Superintendent He made the accident Report And took me to the emergency clinic. I had a checkup included the drug test. At the third appointment with the doctor, they told me that the company would not pay for the exams and the medical exam. I started the fight with the work compensation. I went to see a doctor at the clinic. Coastal Health & Wellness through From to: Our Daily Bread they helped me with medical help. That day 03/22/2019

The Coastal Health & Wellness
Clinic: they send me to work but
With Restriction: no prolonged standing
and climbing.

The Port America send email to
Local 20 Galveston, Tx. to not hire me
for that company. at May 18, 2019.
Violating my right to work and the
ADA acts.

Atencio

From: Elliott Crist (Elliott.Crist@portsamerica.com)
To: htorresila20@yahoo.com
Cc: galvestonmgrs@portsamerica.com; William.Barrett@portsamerica.com
Date: Saturday, May 18, 2019, 08:37 AM CDT

Good morning Mr. Torres,

Until this worker obtains a full duty release without restrictions, Ports America will not accept him for any operations.

Thank you,
Elliott

On May 18, 2019, at 8:25 AM, Henry Torres <htorresila20@yahoo.com> wrote:

this is from gulf steve

----- Forwarded Message -----

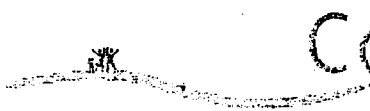
From: Henry Torres <htorresila20@yahoo.com>
To: Elliott Crist <elliott.crist@portsamerica.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2019, 08:22:28 AM CDT
Subject:

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From: Henry Torres <htorresila20@yahoo.com>
To: Mike Lynch <mike@gulfsteve.com>; Mike Nelson <mike.nelson@metrocruiiseservices.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2019, 07:56:10 AM CDT
Subject:

<5-18-2018 letter atencio.pdf>

409-938-2234 or 281-309-0255



Coastal Health & Wellness

Serving, Healing, Caring

03/22/2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Norberto Atencio is currently under my medical care and may not return to work at this time.

Please excuse Norberto for .1 day

He may return to work on 03/25/2019.

Activity is restricted as follows: no prolonged standing and climbing .

If you require additional information please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Provider:

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PO BOX 939 - LA MARQUE, TEXAS 77568 - (409) 938-2234

**INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
& WEST GULF MARITIME ASSOCIATION**

Drug & Alcohol Test Notification Form

ATTENTION COLLECTION SITE: This is your authorization to perform services.

Payment will be rendered by USAMDT of Houston based on (1) valid test results, (2) proper protocol used when testing, and (3) documentation for services requested below.

Notice:Time of Notice: 16:20 a.m. / (p.m.)

Must Report to Clinic By:

Date: 10.15.18Date: 10.15.18Location: Ports America - GalvestonTime: 16:50 a.m. / (p.m.)Managing Company: Ports AmericaFull Address: 3828 Wharf Rd Galveston, TX 77550**Workers Information:**Full Name: Norberto AtencioILA Work #: 153443Phone Number: 409 452 9990ILA Local #: 200**Medical Facility:**Clinic Name: West Isle Urgent CareAddress: 2027 61st Street Galveston, TX 77551Phone: 409-744-9800**Test Type (Both Tests Are Always Required):**

Breath Alcohol Test (BAT)



Drug Test Lab: Quest Diagnostics Acct # 10291558 Panel # 46633N

NOTE: Direct Observation & Split Specimen Collections Always Required**Reason For Test:**

Post Accident



Reasonable Suspicion



Other: _____

Testing Authorization Information:

READ TO THE WORKER: You are notified to appear to the facility above for a drug test as required by the WGMA/ILA Policy on Drugs. Failure to submit to a direct observation drug and alcohol test as specified in this notice or a failure to sign all required forms violates the WGMA/ILA Policy on Drugs and is treated as a refusal to test (same as a positive drug test result). A photo ID is required to take the drug test: Drivers License or TWIC.

[Signature]
Workers Signature

Norberto Atencio
Printed Name

409 452-9990
Telephone Number

Requesting Manager

[Signature]
Superintendent / Manager Signature

Travis Rhodes
Printed Name

813-285-1530
Telephone Number

Witness

[Signature]
Witness Signature

Josma J. Bullard
Printed Name

Telephone Number

Send sample to Quest Diagnostics via Federal Express or lab courier same day or no later than the next business day.

Upon completion:

(1) Send BAT & CCF to MRO: MRO@i3Screen.com or fax 303 595 5263

(2) Send CCF, BAT & This Form to USAMDT: Houston@USAMDT.com or fax 832 572 5588

Employee - You are required to report your injury to your employer within 30 days if your employer has workers' compensation insurance. You have the right to free assistance from the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation and may be entitled to certain medical and income benefits. For further information call your local Division field office or 1(800)-252-7031.



Empleado - Es necesario que reporte su lesión a su empleador dentro de 30 días a partir de la fecha en que se lesionó si es que su empleador cuenta con un seguro de compensación para trabajadores. Usted tiene derecho a recibir asistencia gratuita por parte de la División de Compensación para Trabajadores, y también puede tener derecho a ciertos beneficios médicos y monetarios. Para mayor información comuníquese con la oficina local de la División al teléfono 1-800-252-7031.

TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION WORK STATUS REPORT

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION			5. Doctor's Name and Degree <u>Kenneth A. Ade MD</u>		(for transmission purposes only)		Date Being Sent <u>10-17-18</u>	
1. Injured Employee's Name <u>Norberto Atencio</u>			6. Clinic/Facility Name <u>WEST ISLE URGENT CARE</u>		9. Employer's Name <u>Ports America</u>			
2. Date of Injury <u>10-15-18</u>			7. Clinic/Facility/Doctor Phone & Fax <u>409-744-9800 PH 409-744-8844 FAX</u>		10. Employer's Fax # or Email Address (if known)			
3. Social Security Number (last 4) <u>XXXX-XX-XXXX</u>			8. Clinic/Facility/Doctor Address (street address) <u>2027 61ST STREET STE B</u>		11. Insurance Carrier <u>Ports Ins.</u>			
4. Employee's Description of Injury/Accident <u>(R) knee strain</u>			City <u>GALVESTON TX</u>		State <u>TX</u>		Zip <u>77551</u>	
					12. Carrier's Fax # or Email Address (if known)			

PART II: WORK STATUS INFORMATION (FULLY COMPLETE ONE INCLUDING ESTIMATED DATES AND DESCRIPTION IN 13(c) AS APPLICABLE)

13. The injured employee's medical condition resulting from the workers' compensation injury:

☐ (a) will allow the employee to return to work as of _____ (date) without restrictions.

☒ (b) will allow the employee to return to work as of _____ (date) with the restrictions identified in PART III, which are expected to last through _____ (date).

☐ (c) has prevented and still prevents the employee from returning to work as of _____ (date) and is expected to continue through _____ (date).

The following describes how this injury prevents the employee from returning to work:

PART III: ACTIVITY RESTRICTIONS* (ONLY COMPLETE IF BOX 13(b) IS CHECKED)

14. POSTURE RESTRICTIONS (If any): Max Hours per day: 0 2 4 6 8 Standing <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Sitting <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kneeling/Squatting <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Bending/Stooping <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Pushing/Pulling <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Twisting <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		17. MOTION RESTRICTIONS (If any): Max Hours per day: 0 2 4 6 8 Walking <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing stairs/ladders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Grasping/Squeezing <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wrist flexion/extension <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reaching <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Overhead Reaching <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keyboarding <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		19. MISC. RESTRICTIONS (If any): <input type="checkbox"/> Max hours per day of work: _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sit/Stretch breaks of <u>15</u> min per <u>2</u> hrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Must wear splint/cast at work <input type="checkbox"/> Must use crutches at all times <input type="checkbox"/> No driving/operating heavy equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Can only drive automatic transmission <input type="checkbox"/> No work / _____ hours/day work: <input type="checkbox"/> in extreme hot/cold environments <input type="checkbox"/> at heights or on scaffolding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must keep <u>(R) knee</u> elevated <input type="checkbox"/> clean & dry <input type="checkbox"/> No skin contact with: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Dressing changes necessary at work <input type="checkbox"/> No running	
15. RESTRICTIONS SPECIFIC TO (If applicable): <input type="checkbox"/> Left Hand/Wrist <input type="checkbox"/> Left Leg <input type="checkbox"/> Right Hand/Wrist <input type="checkbox"/> Right Leg <input type="checkbox"/> Left Arm <input type="checkbox"/> Back <input type="checkbox"/> Right Arm <input type="checkbox"/> Left Foot/Ankle <input type="checkbox"/> Neck <input type="checkbox"/> Right Foot/Ankle Other:		18. LIFT/CARRY RESTRICTIONS (If any): <input type="checkbox"/> May not lift/carry objects more than _____ lbs. for more than _____ hours per day <input type="checkbox"/> May not perform any lifting/carrying Other:		20. MEDICATION RESTRICTIONS (If any): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must take prescription medication(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Advised to take over-the-counter meds <input type="checkbox"/> Medication may make drowsy (possible safety/driving issues)	
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PART IV: TREATMENT/FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENT INFORMATION

21. Work Injury Diagnosis Information: <u>(R) knee strain</u>		22. Expected Follow-up Services Include: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evaluation by the treating doctor on <u>10/20/18</u> (date) at <u>8am</u> : <u>11am</u> am/pm <input type="checkbox"/> Referral to/Consult with _____ on _____ (date) at _____ : _____ am/pm <input type="checkbox"/> Physical medicine _____ X per week for _____ weeks starting on _____ (date) at _____ : _____ am/pm <input type="checkbox"/> Special studies (list): _____ on _____ (date) at _____ : _____ am/pm <input type="checkbox"/> None. This is the last scheduled visit for this problem. At this time, no further medical care is anticipated.									
Date / Time of Visit		EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE		DOCTOR'S SIGNATURE		Visit Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up		Role of Doctor: <input type="checkbox"/> Designated doctor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treating doctor <input type="checkbox"/> Referral doctor <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting doctor		<input type="checkbox"/> Carrier-selected RME <input type="checkbox"/> DWC-selected RME <input type="checkbox"/> Other doctor	
Discharge Time											

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Standing <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		Walking <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sit/Stretch breaks of <u>15</u> min per <u>2</u> hrs	
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